FRANK DANIELS, LAUGHMAKER,

BACK ON BROADWAY IN A NEW SMITH-HERBERT PIECE.

"The Tattoord Man" Is Just Another of These Things, but it Makes a Go Through His Efforts—A Curtain Call Monologue That Took and a New Style of Opening.

Frank Daniels proved last night that he is one of the few comedians who can be exceedingly funny without an undue amount of aid from the librettist. He appeared at the Criterion Theatre in "The Tattoed Man." a new Harry B. Smith-Victor Herbert comic opera, and made his audience laugh at him almost continuously-not at the things he said, but at the faces he made and the motions he went through while

It's a pretty thin story that Harry Smith spread through two acts, just the sort of a comic opera that has been springing from his pen about twice a year for the last ten years, including even the juvenile in the white flannel suit. But here and there was a new joke or a strange way of expressing an old one, and through it all was the same old Frank Daniels, who lifted his eyebrows and squinted and hardly ever finished a sentence. If some of his dialogue were reproduced here it would appear just foolish, or even silly, but as he got it off you just could not help laughing. That's why "The Tattooed Man" succeeded last night.

Strange to say, his funniest moments were after the first act, when he responded to several curtain calls and delivered a carefully prepared monologue full of figures of speech which left him lost on the top of mountains or on a desert or too far out in the ocean or among the sweet scented onlons in the violet patch. There wasn't a line of it that was not ridiculous, but that didn't it that was not ridiculous, but that didn't matter. If the comedian ever wants to go into vaudeville this same monologue will do.

The play started out with something of an innovation. The overture was very short and the curtain arose on an empty stage. In a tower a Muezzin called the people to prayer to the accompaniment of a bit of music that had an Oriental touch to it. But in a moment the novelty ended, the merry, merry trooped in for as opening chorus and at no time thereafter did the author depart from the sacred traditions laid down by Harry B. Smith. Not that the book is much worse than the average; it is nt. Nor is it a bit better.

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Victor Herbert's music did not come quite up to expectations. Almost all of the score was written in bars of one syllable with just a bit of beauty in the orchestration and it cannot be said that any single song sticks out as strikingly good music, such, for instance, as the walzes in "Toyland" or "Mile. Modiste" or the "March of the Toys." The new score is rather a step downward in an effort to produce jingle and snap. All through the evening many in the audience waited for the one real bit of music that did not come.

Two of the songs will probably become known around town, for they are easy to remember. "Omar Khayyam" is one of them, which was helped along by bright verse and sung by Mr. Daniels. The other is called "Nobody Loves Me." May Vokes sang it and made it extremely funny. Her part was an eccentric, which sometimes suggested Katie Barry, and next to Mr. Daniels she scored the greatest success. If any rebuilding of the play is done an extension might we'l be tacked on to her part.

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part. Gertie Carlisle looked pretty and made a Gertie Carlisle locked pretty and made a good impression in a part of no large proportions and Harry Clarke, who played with her, got in some imitations which were recognized. Sallie Fisher, to whom the most pretentious music was allotted, sang one song well and one otherwise. William P. Carleton and a male chorus made so much noise that they marred their best number, and the chorus girls were stronger on looks than vocally. The costumes and seenery are pretty. ecenery are pretty.

Every little while Daniels repeated this

"Are we disheartened? No." Neither

AT THE OPERA HOUSES. "L'Africaine" in Broatiway and

at the Manhattan. Meyerbeer's "L'Africaine" was sung in Italian and some distress at the Metropolitan Opera House last night in the presence of the Monday subscribers and a few way faring persons. Maximilian Hirsch made another of his oratorical appearances be-fore the curtain to bespeak the indulgence of the audience for Mr. Plançon, who had to impersonate Don Pedro and was suffering from Spanish bronchitis. But the admirable basso needed no apology. His art carried him safely through his task.

Mme. Fremstad was a convulsively emotional Selika, but she sang some portions of her music with excellent dramatic effect. Inez, the bleating lamb of grand opera, was in the competent hands of Mme. Rappold, whose voice and style are well suited to this music, but whose lack of facial expression left much to the imagination. Mr. Caruso, as Vasco di Gama, laid off sailing courses on a chart of the Ptolemaic

sailing courses on a chart of the Ptolemaic solar system as if he were skipper of a line of battle airship. He also sang. Mr. Stracciari was a deadly exponent of the savagery of Ne'usko.

At Mr. Hammerstein's Manhattan Opera House, in West Thirty-fourth street, there was another resurrection of Ambroise Thomas's "Mignon." Mme. Bressler-Gianoli was the representative of the heroine. She gave a capital version of the part and sang the music well. Mr. Bonei's exquisite at was once more exhibited to advantage in the role of Puplicimo, better known to students of literature as Wilhelm Meister.

Mr. Arimondi, who had to impersonate Lotario, was very hoarse, and wandered through the part with much difficulty. About Mme. Pinkert's Filina little can be ald. However, the audience appeared mid. However, the audience appeared to enjoy the performance, and that was sufficient.

Mme. Birdice Blye Recites.

Mme. Birdice Blye, pianist, gave a recital resterday afternoon in Mendelssohn Hall. This player has long threatened our borders and has smitten the keyboard in the ders and has smitten the keyboard in the heart of the middle West. New York has been expecting her, and now it has heard her. She played numerous pieces yesterday but disclosed the full measure of her musicianship in her summary of Beethoven's "Sonata Appassionata." She translated its passion into the somniferous murmur of a Sabbath afternoon and washed its glowing colors to the pallor of a mild American cheese.

News of Plays and Players.

"Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines," with Ethel Barrymore as the star, was revived last night at the Empire Theatre. It was announced yesterday that the next raction at the Garden Theatre will be the Sen Greet Players, beginning Monday, March 4. The opening play will be "The Merchant of Venice," which will be folowed by "Macbeth," "Julius Cassar" and other plays. In Holy Week a revival of the Meenth century morality play, "Everyman," which has not been seen here in three years, will be made.

that the laws published are different from those passed by the Legislature.

The Garrick Theatre, Philadelphia, will be made.

The Garrick Theatre, Philadelphia, will be turned into a vaudeville house as part of the new klaw & Erlanger circuit.

Henry Miller and Miss Margaret Anglin, a response to numerous requesta, have a resolution to appoint a committee to ascertain the person guilty of altering the laws.

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BROOKLYN'S FRANCISCAN FIGHT. CARUSO ASKS FOR MORE PAY Vatican Authorities Inclined to Rule Against Bishop McDo

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
ROME, Feb. 18.—The controversy between
Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn and the
Franciscan Brothers in that city, who wish to be united to the Third Order, regulars, of St. Francia, has now been referred to the Congregation of Bishops and regulars. Cardinals Gotti, Ferrata, Vives Y Tuto and Satolli support the cause of the brethren. They consider Bishop McDonnell's refusal unjustified, since the Bishop of Omaha recently sanctioned a similar union of Franciscans at Spalding, Neb.

Father Zec, procurator-general of the Franciscans, says the Pope favors the union, but hesitates to act, owing to Bishop McDonnell's stubborn opposition and his threat to deprive the Franciscans of their college and twelve parochial schools, in-sisting that the brethren should remain under his jurisdiction, as decreed by Plus IX. in 1850.

All the Vatican dignitaries are against Bishop McDonnell, and hence the Rev. George W. Mundelein, chancellor of the Brooklyn diocese, and the Rev. Peter Hat-tais, the Bishop's agent, are here striving to prevent strong measures being taker against the Bishop.

MEAN WAYS OF LONDON WOMEN. Father Vaughan's Charge That They Chest Their Muliners Confirmed.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb 18.—Father Vaughan's latest indictment of society women included a charge that they obtain smart finery from West End milliners and modistes on approbation, wear the things and return them the next day, declaring that they are not suitable. The secretary of the Drapers' Chamber of Trade, when ques-tioned on the subject, confirmed Father Vaughan's statement, saying it was a well

known trick.
Sometimes, he said, the women obtain fashionable things, have them copied and return the original. He instanced the case of a smart woman obtaining a hat on approval and sending her husband with it to another firm, being ashamed to go herself, to have it copied in cheaper material at a lower price. She then returned the original, saying she regretted that it was not suitable.

Nearly every big West End firm suffers from customers of this kind. If they suspect the object they fear to voice their suspicions lest they lose the woman's custom altogether. The trick is practised only by the rich or the apparently rich. Humbler folks could not get goods in this way even if they saked for them.

PRODDING IRELAND'S LAZY MAN.

Champion Sleeper Dozes in a Field and Refuses Whiskey Bribe to Talk.

Special Cable Descatch to TEE SUN.
LUBGAN, Ireland, Feb. 18.—A farmer
here induced Thompson, who the Board
of Poor Law Guardians assert is the laxiest man in the world, and whose manner of life was described in Saturday's despatches to THE SUN, to undertake a field job. Later the farmer went to see how his new hand was working and found him asleep in the

A number of Dublin and Belfast newspaper men tried to interview Thempson who for the past two days has been seen outside his house, but he repulsed all questioners except one by persistent silence.

To one, who tried to bribe him to talk by offering him whiskey, Thompson said ourtly: "I can buy whiskey myself if I want it," after which he again became

LONDON'S HUGE APPETITE.

Eats a Million and a Half Tons a Year -Food

Badly Imspected Special Cable Despatch to This Sun.
London, Feb. 18.—The secretary of the
Public Health Committee says that the total amount of foodstuffs that reach London yearly is between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 tons. of which rather more than two-thirds arrives by water and less than one-third by rail. Three-fifths of the whole quantity is consumed by the Londoners, the re-mainder merely passing through in the ourse of transit elsewhere.

The shipments include 1,000,000 tops of meat, fish, milk, butter, eggs, iard, &c.; 500,000 tons of fruit and vegetables, including sugar and preserved fruits, and 1,400,000 tons of grain and flour. It is pointed out in the committee's report that the system of inspection is inefficient and that oleomargarine is largely sold as butter.

WANTS A CUBAN ARMY.

Writer in the "Discusion" Says Island Can't Poge as Independent Without One. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUK.

HAVANA, Feb. 18 .- Eliseo Gibertna in an article in the Discusion favoring the creation of a Cuban army says in substance that Cuba must either cease to depend on a foreign nation for a guarantee of peace and quiet or cease to pose as an independent nation.

A Cuban army should be created and officered by Americans, and Cuban officers should be trained in military academies to take charge of the army when com-

FUNERAL OF CARDUCCI.

Crown and People Unite to Honor Poet of United Italy.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
BOLOGNA, Feb. 18.—The funeral Giosuè Carducci, the poet, who died on Priday last, took place to-day and was an impressive manifestation of public grief such as is seldom witnessed. The town was draped in black and the lighted street lamps were veiled with crape. Forty thousand people joined in the procession, and the garrison rendered military honors.

The King and Queen were represented by the cousin of the King, the Count of Turin Several members of the Cabinet, the President of the Chamber of Deputies and many Senators, Deputies and Academicians also

SAYS LAWS WERE ALTERED.

Queer Charge Against Executive Council of Porto Rico-Inquiry Ordered.

Special Cable Despatch to TMB SUN.
SAN JUAN, Feb. 18.—Rosendo Nationzo Cintron, a prominent leader in the House of Delegates, charged in the House to-day that the laws published are different from

TELLS CONRIED HE WANTS \$3,000 A PERFORMANCE.

His Contract at \$1,800 Has Another Year to Run-Overtures Made in His Behalf to Hammerstein-De Reszke Got Only \$2,500, but Caruso Draws Amazingly.

The competition of two opera houses in New York to secure the services of singers was certain to result advantageously to the artists and the first to take advantage of this situation is Signor Caruso. He has just notified Mr. Conried that he will not renew his contract unless there is a very decided increase in the pay. Signor Caruso's present arrangement with the management of the Conried Metropolitan Opera Company has one year more to run.

Mr. Hammerstein told a Sun reporter yesterday that he had been approached by a representative of Signor Caruso, who told him that the Italian tenor's services might be available for the Manhattan after next season. Mr. Conried's engagement of a noted Italian tenor in Signor Anselmi is

not without its significance.

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Signor Caruso told Mr. Conried that he must receive at leas: \$3,000 for every performance and that he must have at lease fifty appearances uaranteed to him in the season. He now sings at least sixty times, as he is able to appear three times a week and occasionally sings as often as four. He has been compelled to rest for a perio I this winter, however, and the condition of his voca! cords has made him reluctant to sing in such operas as "Rigoletto," which require delicate singing. He is gradually inclining more and more to the robus rôles.

The tenor told Mr. Conried that he could afford to pay the sum asked as it was he (Caruso) that drew the house with whomever has g a d that it was not important who appeared with him. Mr. Conried has not yet given an answer to this ltimatum and Signor Caruso's agents have intimated to Mr. Hammerstein that have intimated to Mr. Hammerstein that have be able to get the tenor.

The highest price ever paid to can de Reske was on his las two visits. Then a received \$2,500 each for thirty appearances. Francesco Tamagno never received more than \$1,600 and never exarcised any drawing power with the New York public. Signor Caruso, being much younger than either of these ingers was in the height of their popularity, is able to sing m re than they ever d!. He appears in New York all winter, then sings in Covent Garden and goes then to Oatend, where he sings in August. In Se, tember he ings in taly and spent last Octobe in Germany.

NEW DE RESZKE SCHOOL. Edeuard Opens It in London in Imitation of Jean's Paris One.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Edouard de Reezke opened a singing school here to-day in connection with his brother Jean's school in Paris. He received numerous applications for membership. He bases his system on the results of Jean's experience, insisting upon a course of at least twenty lessons for every pupil, which Jean found was the minimum in which a pupil can possibly do justice to the training.

Edouard's intention to start a school was long delayed by the revolutionary conditions in Poland, where he is a great landowner. He was largely occupied during the last three years in protecting this property there. Things are now comparatively quiet and

this seemed to justify his leaving. NUCLEUS CREWS SUCCEED.

British Admiralty Reports Great Decrease in Bepairs Needed on Ships.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 18 .- Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, and in the House of Commons to-day that, although there has been a great deal of discussion about the nucleus crew system. the improvement made in the fleet by these crews could hardly be exaggerated.

They had diminished the number of ships

under repair in a most extraordinary manper, and the fleet now was in a condition such as it never had been previously.

FRENCH VIEW OF PANAMA COST. Secretary of Federation of Industries Thinks Appropriation Must Be Tripled.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Feb. 18.-At the annual dinner to-night of the Federation of Industries and Commerce, M. Sayons, secretary of the federation, described a visit he recently made to Panama.

He said he believed the American appropriation of \$145,000,000 for the construction of the canal would eventually have to be tripled. The work would require ten-years.

STOLEN STUFF IN HIS HOUSE. Arrest of Two Men, of Allases Indicates

That One . Was in Burgiary Trade. Detective Sergeants Hughes and Busby arrested two men yesterday morning in Pulton street near Classon avenue. At he State street headquarters they gave their names as Charles Smith of 648 Classon avenue and Frank Hall of 147 Diamond street. Both are known under allaces. The detectives went to Smith's house and found a quantity of silverware and jewelry, which was taken to the State street head-

quarters.

"Up to a late hour last night no one had appeared to claim the property. The police surmise that part of the jewelry was stolen from the apartment house at 1152 Pacific street a few weeks ago. Smith was arrested several years ago on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of Albert C. Latimer in Hancock street, but he proved that he was not in the borough at the time.

YALE ACCEPTS GIFTS.

Committee Named to Supervise Construc tion of New Carnegle Swimming Pool. NEW HAVEN, Feb. 18 .- The Yale corporation to-day accepted the gift of 250 hares of New Haven railroad stock, worth \$45,000, from Edwin Milner of Plainfield Conn., for a fund, the income of which is to

conn., for a fund, the income of which is to be used in helping worthy students from Win ham county. Conn.

The corporation also accepted a bequest of \$10,000 from the late John J. Abernethy for a fellowship for recent graduates of the academic department.

A committee was named to supervise the construction of the swimming pool for which Andrew Carnegie recently gave \$40,000.

Incendiaries Burn Lumber of Pullman Co. CHICAGO, Feb. 18 .- Fire of incendiary

Phoebe Snow Replies to Admiral Evans

"Oho! Oho!" Says Phoebe Snow, "So you would take my heart's delight! You little know The friends I have, Who ride the Road of Anthracite.

"They'd one and all, With one accord. Your fond intentions quickly blight, For they would rise And save their prize-The Cleanly Road of Anthracite.



NEWS ITEM: Admiral "Bob" Evans has just recommended to the government that it acquire immediate control of the anthracite coal fields. and confine the entire output of the mines to the use of the vessels of the American navy. The Admiral's idea is that with smokeless coal the American navy will be at a great advantage over fleets of other nations in its ability to conceal its location in the maneuvers preceding a fight, the dense clouds of smoke accompanying all fleets being one of the most serious means whereby strategic movements are thwarted at the present day.

CAPT, KEARNY DEAD.

Had Been Stationed at the Boston and New York Navy Yards. WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 .- The death of

Capt. George H. Kearny, U. S. N., at his home in Fishkill, N. Y., yesterday, has been reported to the Navy Department Capt. Kearny was born on March 31, 1848, at Saugerties, N. Y. He was appointed acting third assistant engineer of the navy in October, 1866, and was sent to the Naval Academy. He subsequently served at the

New York Navy Yard and again after that at the Naval Academy. Up to this time Capt. Kearny's service was in the volun-

teers.
In June, 1882, he went into the regular establishment as third assistant engineer. establishment as third assistant engineer A year later he was made a second assistan A year later he was made a second assistant engineer. During the Spanish war he served at the Naval Academy. In March, 1899, Capt. Kearny reached the grade of Commander. A year later he was attached to the Boston Navy Yard, where he served for five years. He attained his Captainey in March, 1903.

From June 5, 1905, until detached under orders dated Nov. 22, 1906, granting him sick leave for five months, Capt. Kearny was on duty, at the New York Navy Yard. The burial will take place at Saugerties to-morrow.

Obituary Notes.

Stiles Gannett Wells, son of Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells and the late Samuel Wells, died yesterday at Boston. Mr. Wells, who was a member of the law firm of Bangs & Wells, had been ill so short a time that many of his friends knew nothing of it. He was graduated from Harvard College in 1886. Mr. Wells was widely known in business and legal circles as well as socially. Mr. Wells was treasurer of the Copely Society, and belonged to the Puritan, the Tavern, the Essex and the Country clubs and also the Boston Athletic Association. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells, and a sister, Miss Louisa A. Wells. William Percival De Witt died at 2 o'clock yesterday morning of pneumonia at his home, 48 West Fifty-ninth street. Mr. De Witt was a son of the late Josiah Hornblower De Witt, was a graduate of Stevens Institute, and for fifteen years had been secretary and treasurer of the New York Wire Cloth Company. His wife, who was a daughter of the late A. C. Downing, died about four years ago. He leaves a twelve-year-old daughter, Anita: a brother, J. H. De Witt, now touring the Medierranean, and a sister, Mrs. H. C. Homaps. member of the law firm of Bangs & Wells, had

Homans.

Reuben Trier, 61 years old, of 500 Washington street, Newark, died Wednesday at his home. He was a former Assemblyman and was a member of the first Board of Works in Newark. He was also a well known leather manufacturer. He was born in Newark and lived there all his life. He was a member of the board of directors of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, a trustee of the B nai Jeahurun Synagogue, a Mason and a member of the Jeffersonian Club. Three daughters survive hlm.

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Thomas E. Morris died vesterday at his home in Freehold, N. J., aged 62. He married the daughter of Dr. J. S. English of Manalapan, N. J., in 1968, and lived on the old English farm, raising cattle and farming. In 1887 he became freight solicitor of the Amboy division of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He leaves a widow and three sons. L. E. Morris of Birmingham, Ala., and Thomas E. and Nathaniel Wyckoff Morris of New York.

Matthias Munn Cook, a farmer and real

Mathias Munn Cook, a farmer and real estate owner, of Hanover, N. J., died on Sunday, aged 82. He was born in Hanover and was a brother of the late George H. Cook, former State Geologist of New Jersey. He was a lifelong and active member of the Hanover Presbyterian Church. He was not married.

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Andrew Ferguson, who died on Saturday at his home, 34 Nevins street, Brooklyn, in his seventy-sixth year, was prominent in the Masonic order, and had been tiler of the Grand Lodge of New York State for fifteen years. He was a retired wine manufacturer. He leaves two sons, a daughter, three grand-children and three great-grandchildren.

Charles A. Bradford, for thirty years connected with the postal service in Washington and well known for charitable and Masonic work, died at his home in Washington yesterday in his seventy-sixth year. He was born in Boston, where he resided until appointed to the Post Office Department.

Charles A. Davis, for many years proprietor of the South Orange, M. J., aged 57. He

Friday, the 13th By THOMAS W. LAWSON

THE story of a great and passionate

For sale everywhere. Feb. 26th.

is survived by his wife, a son, Marvin, and a daughter, Miss Alice Davis. Mr. Davis was born in Gioucester county, N. J., and before Benjamin Butterworth, son of the late Representative Butterworth of Ohio and brother of Frank S. Butterworth, the noted Yale fullback, died at his apartments in Washington yesterday at the age of 35 years. he went to South Grange he ran the Davis Hotel at Clayton, N. J., more than twenty-five years. In connection with the hotel he owned a stock farm and raised many race-horsee.

\$50,000 A YEAR FOR BRYCE. New Ambassador Will Beceive Same Pay as President Roosevelt.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Feb. 18.-It is said that James Bryce's salary as Ambassador to the United States will be \$50,000 a year and that he will receive an allowance of \$10,000 to meet the expense of his outfit and his installation in his residence at Washington. The salary of Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, Mr. Bryce's predecessor at Washington, was \$39,000.

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GRAND CENTRAL FLAMELETS.

Smoke Curled Along the Floor and Some

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Smeke Curled Along the Floor and Some One Cried "Fire!"

Wisps of smoke curling along the floor in the Grand Central Station about 7 o'clock last night made some one ory "Fire!" so loudly that Sergt. Ennis presently appeared before it had time to grow.

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